

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
April 29, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lance Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lance Harris, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Bryan D. Vincent, director
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 13 by Representative Villio

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 13, which provides relative to the board of trustees of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement Systems.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 13 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Freeman, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 25 by Representative Villio

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 25, which provides relative to compensation considered in the calculation of contributions and benefits for the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

Kristi Spinosa, director, District Attorneys' Retirement System, 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 267-4824, spoke in support of House Bill No. 25.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 25 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 25 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Freeman, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 19 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 19, which provides relative to the selection of certain optional survivor benefits for members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.

Frank Jobert, Jr., Retired State Employees Association, 9412 Common Street, #7, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 932-0961, spoke in support of House Bill No. 19.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 19 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 19 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prior to a recess, the chairman read a statement which is recorded in these minutes on Page 3 under the heading "IV. OTHER BUSINESS".

The committee recessed at 9:47 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

House Bill No. 22 by Representative LaCombe

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 22, which provides relative to Louisiana School Boards Association employees' membership in retirement systems.

Representative Freeman offered amendments to add provisions for paying unaccrued liability to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana should an employee separate from service with the Louisiana School Boards Association. Representative Freeman offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-0333, spoke in support of House Bill No. 22.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 22 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 22 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, which memorializes congress to take actions necessary to review and eliminate or reduce the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Representative Harris offered technical amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 7. Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Harris read the statement of actuarial opinion from the legislative auditor, which is

The minutes from the 2020 Regular Session dated May 7 and May 20 and from the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session dated October 12 were presented to the committee for approval.

Representative Adams offered a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Emerson, Freeman, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lance Harris
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: